

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

March 24, 1978

1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster
1 - Legal Counsel Division
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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In connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the FBI Field Office in St. Louis, by teletype dated March 13, 1978, advised that during an unrelated file review information not previously disseminated concerning this matter had been surfaced. This information was furnished to FBI Headquarters in a memorandum from the St. Louis Field Office dated March 13, 1978, which was received by the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, on March 16, 1978. Additional information concerning this matter was telephonically furnished by the St. Louis Office on March 17, 1978, which is contained in the attached memorandum dated March 20, 1978.

furnished information of value to this Bureau

Enclosed are an original and one copy each of two memorandums dated March 13, 1978, and March 20, 1978, which contain information of interest to the Committee. It is requested that you furnish copies of the enclosed memorandums to the HSCA.

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NOTE: By teletype dated March 13, 1978, St. Louis advised file review of SL [redacted], Bufile [redacted] revealed information not previously disseminated concerning possible suspect in the Martin Luther King assassination. St. Louis furnished this information in letterhead memorandum form dated March 13, 1978.

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1 - Civil Rights Division

1 - Office of Professional Responsibility
(Attn: Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.)

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On March 17, 1978, Special Agent [redacted] St. Louis Field Supervisor, was contacted regarding additional information concerning this matter. [redacted] advised that St. Louis informant had spoken with Russell George Beyers who is a fence in the St. Louis area. [redacted]

[redacted] A copy of the original source contact memorandum was placed in [redacted] informant file and an 87-file, however, there is no evidence that Beyers was ever questioned about the meeting with the deceased St. Louis attorney. Additionally, there is no evidence that this information was ever acted on or disseminated outside the St. Louis Office. Beyers was arrested approximately two weeks ago by the St. Louis Police Department as suspect in a St. Louis museum burglary and this precipitated the file review which surfaced the information in question.

[redacted] stated that both the Agent and Supervisor who handled original contact memorandum with St. Louis informant have retired. The original St. Louis informant [redacted] Bufile [redacted] to whom Beyers spoke [redacted]

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Response regarding [redacted] was coordinated with Special Agent [redacted] Criminal Informant Unit, Division Six.

A search was made of the central records index for Russell George Beyers. [redacted]

Original St. Louis letterhead memorandum dated March 13, 1978, contained informant symbol number, and St. Louis and Bureau informant file numbers, and was, therefore, retyped with this information deleted.

As the HSCA is expected to have an intense interest in this information, it is being furnished in memorandum form through the Department to the Committee.